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DAAR FOR MISS LILLIAN ADVANCE TEAM

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SUBJ: VISIT OF MISS LILLIAN

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1. CHARGE HAD DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT JAWARA JUNE 20, FOLLOWED-UP BY MEETINGS WITH PERM SEC TAAL, CONCERNING MISS LILLIAN VISIT. GOTG HAS PROPOSED THREE OPTIONS FOR JULY 25 PORTION OF GAMBIA VISIT, INVOLVING VARIOUS LENGTHS OF TIME ABOARD BOAT ON RIVER. SPECIFICS WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH ADVANCE TEAM.

2. ARRIVAL TIME JULY 24 UNCLEAR, BUT ASSUMING IT IS AFTER LUNCH GAMBIAN PROPOSE MISS LILLIAN MEET WITH PRESIDENT JAWARA AND OTHER OFFICIALS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY STATE HOUSE RECEPTION AT 1800 HOURS. MISS LILLIAN, GOV. AND MRS. GILLIGAN, ASST SEC AND MRS. MOOSE, AND OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF PARTY UP TO APPROXIMATELY 10 ARE INVITED TO STAY AT STATE HOUSE (PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE) AND NEARBY OFFICIAL GUEST HOUSE. OTHER 30 PLUS MEMBERS OF ENTOURAGE WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT ATLANTIC HOTEL, APPROXIMATELY TWO BLOCKS AWAY.

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3. PROGRAM FOR JULY 25 HAS THREE SEPARATE OPTIONS:

A. LEAVE BANJUL AT 0800 ON PRESIDENTIAL YACHT. VISIT JUFFURE (ROOTS VILLAGE) AND NEARBY ALBREDIA 0900-1000. PROCEED TO BAM-BATENDA (APPROXIMATELY 75 MILES UP RIVER), ARRIVING ABOUT 1400, MEET WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS WORKING IN AREA,

VISIT MID-RIVER BARRAGE SITE. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED ON BOARD.
LEAVE MID-RIVER ABOUT 1600 HOURS, RETURNING TO BANJUL 20-2100
HOURS. PRIVATE SUPPER.

B. LEAVE BANJUL AT 0900 VIA YACHT, ARRIVING JUFFURE 1000. LEAVE
JUFFURE AT 1100, PROCEED TO BINTANG (ABOUT 40 MILES UP RIVER ON
SOUTH BANK). LUNCH ON BOARD. RETURN TO BANJUL BY ROAD (ABOUT 1
HOUR DRIVE), VISITING BRIKAMA ON WAY. ARRIVE BANJUL ABOUT 1630
HOURS. PRESIDENT JAWARA WOULD HOST OFFICIAL DINNER AT 2030.

C. RIVER TRIP BECOMES HALF-DAY AFFAIR, TO JUFFURE AND BAC,
BETWEEN 0800 AND NOON. PRIVATE LUNCH IN BANJUL, FOLLOWED BY AFTER-
NOON VISIT TO BRIKAMA. OFFICIAL DINNER, AS IN B, AT STATE HOUSE.

4. GAMBIANS HAVE SUGGESTED MISS LILLIAN VISIT NYAMBAI FOREST
(REFORESTATION PROJECT) AND YUNDUM AGRICULTURAL STATION, BOTH IN
VICINITY OF AIRPORT, MORNING OF JULY 26. AFTER THESE VISITS, SHE
WOULD DEPART FOR DAKAR. LUNCHEON ARRANGEMENTS JULY 26 ARE NOT
CLEAR, AS WE ARE UNSURE OF HER DEPARTURE TIME.

5. ADVANCE TEAM WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE BRIKAMA AND SITES
IN VICINITY YUNDUM. HOWEVER, AS THEY WILL ONLY BE HERE ABOUT 6
HOURS ON JULY 1, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO VISIT
JUFFURE AND OTHER RIVER PORTS. CHARGE IS FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF
PLACES GAMBIANS ARE PROPOSING, AND WILL BE ABLE TO BRIEF TEAM
ABOUT THEM. CHARGE WILL MEET ADVANCE TEAM AT AIRPORT JULY 1.
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TEAM WILL ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AID AND PEACE CORPS
REPS, I.E. ALL 5 PERSONS COMPOSING US OFFICIAL FAMILY IN THE
GAMBIA. WYGANT

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